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For: METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR )  
CONTROLLING ACCESS TO A DATA )  
OBJECT BY MEANS OF LOCKS )

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A copy of the listed non-patent literature document is attached.

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